

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 7 with the following replacement paragraph:

--A circuit diagram of an exemplary embodiment of the method according to the present invention is illustrated in Figure 2. A plurality of tools, such as, for example, blanking punches, shaping mandrels, etc., are connected via a collecting line to a single pressure switch 7, which in turn is connected to a monitoring device [[5]] 50 in the form of a control unit 8 and a signal output unit 9. In this manner, the operability may be controlled for a multiplicity of treatment tools with one and the same monitoring device [[5]] 50. It is not necessary to equip each tool [[1]] 201, [[2]] 202, [[3]] 203 to n with a separate pressure switch and a separate monitoring unit.--.